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## ALLIES PROMISE RADICAL CHANGE IN TREATMENT OF U.S. MAILS NEUTRALITY PATROL BY U. S. NAVY COVERS ENTIRE ATLANTIC COAST; U-BOAT IS SIGHTED

### MODIFY SEIZURE OF MAIL

British and French Governments, in Reply to Protest From United States, Make Concession in Regard to Methods.

Right to Examine Mail Is Upheld, But Both Governments Offer Concessions That Are Expected to Be Satisfactory.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Radical changes in the treatment of mails on neutral ships are promised in the reply of the British and French governments to the American protests against interference with mails.

The changes, while short of an abandonment of the contention of the right to search for information of value to an enemy, are regarded by the allies as sufficient to meet the wishes of the United States.

Otherwise, the two notes which are now under consideration at the state Department are devoted to an extensive academic discussion of the whole subject of the treatment of mails in time of war with voluminous quotations from the history of the American Civil war and other wars up to date.

### FORTY AEROS IN RAID ON GERMAN MUNITIONS SHOP

Paris, Oct. 13.—Forty French and British aeroplanes dropped four tons of explosives last night on the Mauser works at Oberdorf, in Germany, on the Neckar river. The war office announced today. Six German machines defending the works were shot down.

### BRITISH ADVANCE ON SOMME

London, Oct. 13.—Progress for the British in yesterday's fighting on the Somme front was announced in an official statement today. The British advances were scored between Gueudecourt and Les Boels and northwest of Gueudecourt. Some 150 Germans were made prisoner.

### GERMANS TAKE OFFENSIVE

Petrograd, Oct. 13.—German troops took the offensive yesterday along the Shara river, in Russia north of the Pinsk Marshes. The war office announced today that the Germans captured a trench section but were subsequently expelled with heavy losses.

### ARTILLERY DUEL CONTINUES

Paris, Oct. 13.—Heavy artillery fighting took place on the Somme front last night. Today's official announcement says the bombardment was particularly severe in the regions of Merval, Bouchavesnes, Ablancourt and Chaulnes.

### AFRAID TO ENTER DORY, SHE DROWNS AS BARGE SINKS

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Oct. 13.—The wife of the captain of the barge Cora refused to leave the craft when it was sinking today and was drowned when it went down. The captain had endeavored to have her join him in a dory in which he rowed to the tug Elmer Keeler, which had the barge in tow. She was afraid to get into the small boat, according to the coast guards who later went out to the barge and tug. They did not obtain the woman's name.

The tug, bound from New York for Providence with the Cora, put in here today in a southerly storm. The barge was leaking and when the storm became severe it began to founder and distress signals were hoisted. The coastguards received the signals too late to be of assistance.

### LAST MESSAGE OF LORD ROBERTS, REVEALED HERE, SAYS WAR IS NECESSITY

Cosmo Hamilton, Playwright, Consents to Publication of Remarkable Essay Dealing With Effect of War Upon Nations Suffering From "Over-Civilization"

This remarkable essay on the need of war, written only a fortnight before his death, nine months ago, by the late Lord Roberts, Field Marshal and Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, was disclosed to the world today by Cosmo Hamilton, the English playwright, who lectured here last night under the auspices of the Contemporary Club. Mr. Hamilton's interesting talk on preparedness was overshadowed by the dramatic revelation of Lord Roberts' views on the necessity of war, which became part of his lecture. The intense interest it aroused led him to make it public today.—Ed.

BY LORD ROBERTS

Late Field Marshal and Commander-in-Chief of British Army

"There is one aspect of the great European war with which, so far as I know, no one has had the courage to deal. Many pens have been busy in writing of its horrors—its extraordinary development in science and chemistry—the heroism of its units—the great beauty that has been brought out by it in the way of human sacrifice and the unaccountable number of individual acts of exquisite kindness. It remains to deal with its need.

"I am one of those who hold that this war was vitally necessary to all of the nations engaged in it, as well as to those who are standing aside and, it is to be hoped, learning lessons. The history of the world makes it very clear that at the moment when countries arrive at over-civilization, something must happen—and that something is war.

"As soon as nations become over-civilized, degeneracy sets in. The first set of persons to be attacked is that which forms the government of the country. While it is true that governments are never representative and politicians are merely parasites even under the best conditions, it is astonishing how quickly the example of their dishonest self-seeking and inefficiency runs through the nations which they do not represent. It is very natural for a man—let him be British, French, Italian or German—who

### YOUNG GIRL OF 60 IS SEARCHING FOR A HUSBAND

She's a "Good Onist Woman", a White Lady, and "In Haist"

"Mrs. C. S. Box 67," Sussex, New Jersey, may be 60 years of age, but she is not by a long way. She still loves the men, a fact which led her to communicate with the authorities of Bridgeport, to find a husband.

Perhaps it was due to the idiosyncrasies of Fate, that the letter should find its way into the hands of the handsome bachelor, Detective Sergeant Peter Hall, at police headquarters, or perhaps it was merely a coincidence. The police official, however, after reading the age of the lady, matrimonial bent, and her weight, 150 pounds, placed her up and handed the letter along.

It is addressed to "Correspondence," Bridgeport, Conn., and reads as follows:

"Dear Sir, Please send me your catalog of marriage as I am a widow, living alone, age 60, good health. Way 150 would like to have you help me out. I am a good onist woman and merican women. white lady in haist.

"Mrs. C. S. Box 67, Sussex Sussex County N. J."

If there is any gentlemen in this city, who desire to marry and are unable to find a mate, they are respectfully referred to the above mentioned address.

### "No Card, No Work" Strike Involves Thirty

Because non-union cabinet makers were employed on a construction job at the Sanford building by the T. J. Farley Co., carpenters, plasterers and electricians walked out this morning. The "No card, no work" rule was enforced. In the neighborhood of 30 quit.

BRISTOL STRIKE ENDS

Bristol, Conn., Oct. 13.—The Sessions Foundry closed Tuesday by a strike of some 30 bench molders, resumed operations today; the trouble having been adjusted and the men returning to work. It was said today the men had been given an advance in pay but the amount was not stated. It is understood that advances are to be made in other departments of the plant also.

### "MA" IN SCRAP, BOY AIDS HER WITH SHOTGUN

Thirteen-Year-Old Youngster Fires at Woman Arguing With Mother

RIDDLES PANELS OF DOOR WITH BULLETS

Thought His Parent Was In Danger, He Tells Judge In City Court

Following a disagreement between his mother and another woman at his home, 134 Spruce street, about ten o'clock last night, Ernest Kindler, 13 years of age, a pale, slim, undersized youngster, is alleged to have picked up a heavy hunting rifle, which appeared to weigh more than him, and fired a charge of buckshot through the kitchen door, at his mother's verbal opponent.

The noise of the discharge of the gun created great excitement in the neighborhood, residents in the section flocking to the house believing someone had been killed. The police rushed to the scene and Patrolman T. G. Smallwood and John P. Keane at first unable to believe that the boy could have discharged the gun, without it knocking him down, arrested him.

When searched enough ammunition to riddle the house was found in his pockets, the police taking from his person a dozen or more big calibre buckshot shells. An examination of the door in the kitchen showed it to be literally riddled with shot.

In court this morning before Judge Bartlett, spectators were amazed when the gun was shown, and the meek appearing boy stopped forward charged with being the one who discharged the weapon.

The youth telling his story of the affair to Judge Bartlett said that his mother had some trouble with another woman at their home, "She locked the kitchen door, and I fired the gun through the door because she wouldn't open it," said the youngster.

Judge Bartlett believed the facts of the case should be thoroughly investigated and he postponed judgment until tomorrow morning.

### NO DECISION ON PRICE FOR LAND FOR CITY'S USE

That the land for which the Worden estate is demanding \$98,000 is under water at high tide, was the declaration of City Engineer Terry at the hearing yesterday afternoon before commissioners appointed by the superior court to appraise the land.

The city engineer said on some occasions the water reaches as far as Morris street, where lots are reported to have been recently sold for \$900 and \$900. The witness thought that if the city purchased the land it would be necessary to fill in the tract. He estimated the cost at \$3,400 an acre and there are about 18 acres in the plot.

Counsel for the Worden estate instructed Attorney Henry Greenstein as a witness. He said that, acting as agent, he had sold a tract about in the Cedar Creek neighborhood for \$32,000 recently. This plot of land was a frontage of 100 feet and a depth of about 80 feet. The city claimed the Worden tract is worth not more than \$20,000. As no agreement regarding the purchase price could be reached the city asked the superior court to appoint appraisers. Arguments were heard this afternoon and the appraisers reserved their decision.

### HARWINTON HAS 3 Smallpox Cases

Torrington, Conn., Oct. 13.—Harwinton now has three smallpox cases. The third case, reported today, is that of a ten-year-old child of the Rone family. This child's mother and a boarder Henry Drakeford, are also suffering with the disease. The three patients are at the Rone home, just over the boundary line from Torrington. The school children in that section of Harwinton have been vaccinated by Dr. H. B. Annette, health officer.

### WILLIAM T. BRADLEY DEAD

Camden, Oct. 13.—William J. Bradley, a Republican leader of New Jersey and president of the American Dredging Co., died in a Philadelphia hospital today following an operation.

### THE WEATHER

Showers tonight; Saturday partly cloudy and cooler.

### TWO GIRLS HELD IN THIS CITY AS CLEVER FORGERS

Lynn Police Ask Local Authorities to Detain Pair of Visitors Here

LEFT TRAIL OF BAD CHECKS AFTER THEM

Only 17, They Make Themselves Prominent In Cabaret Circles

Cabaret shows, costly raiment and the lure of high life, is alleged to have been responsible for the fall from grace of two well educated Lynn girls, Annette Barras and Anna Weiner, both only seventeen years of age, whom the police assert have left a trail of forged checks in Massachusetts cities. They are being held on forgery charges by the local police.

The amazing career of the young women, whose operations rival in cleverness the work of "Jim the Penman," was learned today after Lieut. E. O. Cronan, had communicated with the police authorities in Lynn, where the girls were arrested.

To the fact that they are exceedingly pretty blondes and dress in the height of fashion, they may attribute their arrest in this city last night by Detectives Flynn and Searcy.

The girls, who possess a business college education, worked for prominent Lynn concerns, and came from respectable parents, were seen on Washington avenue by the detectives, going to the Lorraine hotel with two young men. The detectives followed and accosted them.

Further than stating that they came to Bridgeport from Lynn to work, and roomed on East Main street, they refused to tell anything about themselves and were taken to police headquarters.

The Lynn police, on being notified, said the young women were wanted on forgery charges, and other law violations, and stated they would send for the girls today. Late this afternoon they will be taken back to Massachusetts.

A search of their dress suit cases disclosed jewels and personal effects and clothing in each valued at about \$400.

### CHAIRMAN CALLS CONVENTION FOR TUESDAY EVENING

Candidate for Representatives and Two Senator will Be Nominated.

Hugh J. Lavery, chairman of the Democratic town committee, today issued calls for the convention to nominate representatives and for the conventions of the 21st and 22nd Senatorial districts to be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in board of trade rooms in the Newfield building.

Dr. Edward F. McGovern probably will be chairman of the representative convention and John J. Ford secretary. The other delegates are: First district, John M. Sears; Second district, James P. Griffin; Third district, Thomas F. Bray and Steven Debnor; Fourth district, Thomas C. Carroll and Frank J. Clancy; Fifth district, Michael Small and Joseph C. Yirga; Sixth district, George Mansfield and Paul Mead; Seventh district, Thomas Lovely and Edward J. Ludford; Eighth district, William J. Poland and Fred J. Voss, Jr.; Ninth district, Edward L. Dumphy and L. E. Moran; Tenth district, Joseph Hart and James H. Brannigan; Eleventh district, James W. Williams and J. A. Hart; Twelfth district, Arthur Livermore and Edward Condon.

The following are the delegates to the 21st Senatorial convention: First District—William Clifford, Michael F. O'Brien, John H. McMurray, Edward F. McGovern, John M. Sears.

Second District—William P. Corr, Thomas E. Ward, John J. Ford, James P. Griffin, John P. Kemple.

Third District—William M. Allen, Nicholas Horvath, Thomas J. Bray, E. C. J. Kelly, Stephen D. Debnor.

Fourth District—Daniel E. Walker, Frank J. Clancy, Thomas C. Carroll, John W. Grant, Robert G. DeForest.

Fifth District—Michael J. Clabby, William H. McCormack, William Wall, Jr., Joseph C. Yirga, Jr., Michael H. Small.

The following are delegates to the (Continued on Page Two.)

### Destroyers to Guard Territorial Waters From Maine to Galveston, is Report in Boston—Fast Warships Taking Up Positions Along Three-Mile Limit—Admiral Mayo Orders Survey of Coast for Hidden U-Boat Bases—Submarine is Sighted by British Freighter, While Big Fleet of Allied Warships is Reported Off Northeastern Coast.

Boston, Oct. 13.—It was stated here today that the American destroyer patrol, in connection with the recent submarine activities, had been ordered effective from New York to Galveston, Tex. This statement lacks official confirmation, however.

### TWO DESTROYERS AT BAR HARBOR

Bar Harbor, Me., Oct. 13.—The torpedo boat destroyer Paulding, which left Newport, R. I., yesterday on what was described as a neutrality patrol mission, arrived in Frenchman's Bay early today. It was supposed that the Paulding had been hurriedly ordered to Bar Harbor because of an erroneous report last night that a passenger liner sought refuge here.

The torpedo boat destroyer McDougal arrived here at 10 o'clock and anchored near the Paulding.

### ADMIRAL MAYO ORDERS SURVEY

Washington, Oct. 13.—Admiral Mayo, commanding the Atlantic fleet, notified the navy department today that he had ordered a survey of the New England coast to investigate reports that belligerents had established a base here or that wireless plants were being operated in violation of American neutrality.

It was announced today that several destroyers already had been dispatched from Newport north and that the work would be done under the admiral's direction and without instructions from Washington. Naval officials here characterized the reports as an outcome of the recent operations of the German submarine U-53 off Nantucket Shoals. Numerous reports of the same character have been received by the department since the beginning of the war. Investigation was made in each instance but was unproductive.

### FAR-FLUNG LINE OF DESTROYERS PATROLS COAST

Newport, R. I., Oct. 13.—Another destroyer was added to the patrol force just before noon when the Cummings headed out of Narragansett Bay at top speed.

The far-flung patrol line of torpedo boat destroyers is charged with the double duty of enforcing neutrality observance and saving lives in the event of further submarine raids on shipping off these shores. Official authority for the statement that such a patrol had been ordered by the navy department was obtained here this morning.

The limits of the line of coast surveillance at present were shown today with the arrival of the destroyer Paulding off Bar Harbor, Me., and the activity of the destroyer Sterrett in New York harbor. Between these two outposts nine other destroyers are stationed, a net of observation that extended a considerable distance out to sea, well beyond the lines of coastwise vessels.

At Narragansett Bay several destroyers were kept at routine target practice with steam constantly up, available for an emergency call. The fuel ship Jason which left here recently with a full supply of oil, came in during the night for more.

All vessels, it was said, were well provisioned. The operations of the patrol are being directed from the flagship Birmingham, headquarters of Rear Admiral Albert Gleaves. The Birmingham is at this port also in readiness to move at any moment.

Except for war game maneuvers, the coast has never been covered by naval forces in such manner for years.

Two destroyers are operating at Boston harbor in compliance with the new orders by which the neutrality service of recent months has been increased. They are the Warrington and Reid, with the Davis, a new destroyer, almost ready for commission.

### All Coast Wireless Stations Shut Down

New York, Oct. 13.—Since the recent advent of the German submarine off Nantucket, the navy department has shut down all coast wireless stations. Navy officers have been sent to the Seagate station, the National Electric Signaling Company's Brooklyn station and all local wireless plants, to instruct the operators as to the exact meaning of neutrality.

It was stated that one newspaper wireless station here had sent out last Sunday to ships at sea, an announcement of the raid of the U-53 and that this was regarded as an unneutral act in violation of the President's proclamation issued two years ago.

The deportation of aliens from New York and Boston has been suspended by the bureau of immigration until the submarine peril is past. About 300 foreigners are at Ellis Island awaiting deportation. Half of these are German.

—Associated Press.